

HISTORY OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS IN THE SENATE

SJR 1, Urging the Congress of the United States to propose and submit to the states for ratification a federal balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States and, in the event that Congress does not submit such an amendment on or before December 31, 2011, applying to Congress to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to that constitution to provide, in the absence of a national emergency and on a two-thirds vote of Congress, for a federal balanced budget and requesting that the legislatures of each of the several states that compose the United States apply to Congress to call a convention to propose such an amendment.

Author(s): Ogden, Shapiro

Co-author(s): Eltife, Fraser, Nichols, Patrick

Co-author(s) authorized 99. Read first time 231. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 231. Co-author(s) authorized 306. Co-author(s) authorized 360. Reported as substituted 361. Regular order of business suspended 406. Record vote 406. Read second time 406. Amendment offered 406. Amended 406. Record vote 406. Amendment offered 406. Amended 407. Member(s) vote recorded 407. Amendment offered 407. Amendment withdrawn 407. Amendment offered 407. Amendment withdrawn 408. Amendment offered 408. Amended 408. Record vote 408. Adopted as amended 408. Record vote 408. Reason for vote 408. Reason for vote 408. Reason for vote 409. Reason for vote 411. Engrossed 440.

SJR 2, Resolution was not filed.

SJR 3, Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board.

Author(s): Fraser

Read first time 583. Referred to Committee on Finance 583.

SJR 4, Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board.

Author(s): Hinojosa, Fraser, Hegar

Co-author(s): Lucio

House Sponsor: Ritter

Permission granted to introduce 778. Read first time 779. Referred to Committee on Finance 779. Reported favorably 1291. Co-author(s) authorized 1342. Regular order of business suspended 1392. Member(s) vote recorded 1392. Read second time and passed to engrossment 1392. Member(s) vote recorded 1392. Three-day Rule suspended 1392. Record vote 1392. Read third time 1393. Passed 1393. Record vote 1393. Engrossed 1603. House passage reported 1924. Enrolled 2148. Signed by President 2084. Sent to Secretary of State 2148.

SJR 5, Proposing a constitutional amendment to clarify references to the permanent school fund, to allow the General Land Office to distribute revenue derived from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund, and to provide for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund.

Author(s): Ogden

House Sponsor: Pitts

Permission granted to introduce 1161. Read first time 1161. Referred to Committee on Finance 1161. Reported as substituted 1343. Regular order of business suspended 1404. Member(s) vote recorded 1404. Read second time and passed to engrossment 1404. Member(s) vote recorded 1404. Three-day Rule suspended 1404. Record vote 1404. Read third time 1405. Passed 1405. Record vote 1405. Engrossed 1603.

SJR 6, Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the disposition of proceeds from the development or sale of the rights to natural resources or minerals in land held by Webb County for the county permanent school fund.

Author(s): Zaffirini

Companion document(s): **HJR 8** - Raymond

Read first time 269. Referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations 269.

SJR 7, Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

Author(s): Patrick

Co-author(s): Carona

Companion document(s): **HJR 39** - Callegari

Read first time 269. Referred to Committee on Finance 269. Co-author(s) authorized 331.

SJR 8, Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the purposes for which revenues from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used.

Author(s): Wentworth

Companion document(s): **HJR 84** - Larson

Read first time 269. Referred to Committee on Finance 269.

SJR 9, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

Author(s): West

House Sponsor: Thompson

Read first time 269. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice 269. Reported favorably 643. Regular order of business suspended 691. Read second time and passed to engrossment 691. Member(s) vote recorded 691. Three-day Rule suspended 692. Record vote 692. Read third time 692. Passed 692. Record vote 692. Engrossed 771. House passage reported 3337. Enrolled 3794. Signed by President 4000. Sent to Secretary of State 4525.

SJR 10, Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

Author(s): Shapiro

Companion document(s): **HJR 60** - Pitts

Read first time 231. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 231.

SJR 11, Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or less of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year and to permit the voters of a county to establish a higher limitation not to exceed 110 percent on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead in the county.

Author(s): Nichols

Read first time 269. Referred to Committee on Finance 269.

SJR 12, Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring certain tax bills to be approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.

Author(s): Patrick

Co-author(s): Birdwell, Carona, Harris, Nelson

Companion document(s): **HJR 29** - Callegari; **HJR 37** - Hughes; **HJR 59** - Hancock

Read first time 269. Referred to Committee on Finance 269. Co-author(s) authorized 331.

Co-author(s) authorized 389. Reported favorably 942. Co-author(s) authorized 962.

Co-author(s) authorized 1002.

SJR 13, Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring certain revenue collected by a public entity from the use of a tolled highway project in this state to be used only for roadways.

Author(s): Harris, Davis, Shapiro

House Sponsor: Phillips

Read first time 270. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security 270. Reported favorably 1280. Regular order of business suspended 1349. Read second time and passed to engrossment 1350. Member(s) vote recorded 1350. Three-day Rule suspended 1350. Record vote 1350. Read third time 1350. Passed 1350. Record vote 1350. Remarks ordered printed 1350. Engrossed 1428.

SJR 14, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

Author(s): Van de Putte, Davis, Deuell, Ellis, Hinojosa, Lucio, Rodriguez, Uresti, Watson, Zaffirini

Co-author(s): Gallegos, Williams

House Sponsor: C. Anderson

Companion document(s): **HJR 76** - Lozano

Co-author(s) authorized 48. Read first time 270. Referred to Committee on Finance 270. Reported as substituted 2147. Co-author(s) authorized 2267. Regular order of business suspended 2262. Read second time and passed to engrossment 2262. Member(s) vote recorded 2262. Three-day Rule suspended 2262. Record vote 2262. Read third time 2262. Passed 2262. Record vote 2262. Engrossed 2309. House passage reported 3430. Enrolled 3794. Signed by President 4000. Sent to Secretary of State 4525.

SJR 15, Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution to provide for congressional term limits, the line-item veto, a balanced federal budget, a limit on federal debt, and the repeal of federal law by two-thirds of the several states.

Author(s): Wentworth

Co-author(s): Eltife

Companion document(s): **HJR 81** - Larson

Co-author(s) authorized 62. Read first time 231. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 231.

SJR 16, Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

Author(s): Estes

Co-author(s): Watson

House Sponsor: Ritter

Companion document(s): **HJR 107** - Ritter

Read first time 270. Referred to Committee on Finance 270. Co-author(s) authorized 279. Reported favorably 942. Regular order of business suspended 1033. Read second time and passed to engrossment 1034. Member(s) vote recorded 1034. Three-day Rule suspended 1034. Record vote 1034. Read third time 1034. Passed 1034. Record vote 1034. Engrossed 1086. House passage reported 2983. Enrolled 3527. Signed by President 3430. Sent to Secretary of State 3794.

SJR 17, Proposing a constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the legislature to mandate requirements upon certain local governments.

Author(s): Carona

Co-author(s): Wentworth

Companion document(s): **HJR 56** - Solomons

Read first time 270. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 270. Co-author(s) authorized 344.

SJR 18, Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to appropriations for the preservation and perpetuation of certain items of historical value; allowing the legislature and state agencies to accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to purchase such items.

Author(s): Eltife

Read first time 231. Referred to Committee on Administration 231. Posting rule suspended 247. Reported favorably 271.

SJR 19, Proposing a constitutional amendment permitting an encumbrance to be fixed on homestead property for an obligation to pay certain property owners' association fees and fines without permitting the forced sale of the homestead.

Author(s): Jackson

Read first time 270. Referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations 270.

SJR 20, Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of commercial or industrial real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 110 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

Author(s): Patrick

Co-author(s): Carona

Companion document(s): **HJR 82** - P. King

Read first time 315. Referred to Committee on Finance 315. Co-author(s) authorized 331.

SJR 21, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran in an amount equal to the amount of the residence homestead exemption to which the disabled veteran was entitled.

Author(s): Patrick

Co-author(s): Carona

Companion document(s): **HJR 23** - Fletcher; **HJR 40** - Pickett; **HJR 72** - P. King

Read first time 315. Referred to Committee on Finance 315. Co-author(s) authorized 331.

SJR 22, Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain revenue derived from the tax imposed on the sale of motor vehicles to the state highway fund.

Author(s): Nichols

Read first time 377. Referred to Committee on Finance 377.

SJR 23, Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the rates of taxes imposed on gasoline and diesel fuel, adjusting those rates annually for inflation, and dedicating certain revenue from those taxes to the design, construction, and maintenance of public roadways.

Author(s): Wentworth

Co-author(s): Deuell

Read first time 377. Referred to Committee on Finance 377. Co-author(s) authorized 485.

SJR 24, Proposing a constitutional amendment exempting political subdivisions from unfunded legislative mandates and authorizing the legislature to provide funding for legislative mandates on political subdivisions.

Author(s): Watson

Read first time 423. Referred to Committee on Finance 423.

SJR 25, Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board.

Author(s): Hinojosa, Hegar

Co-author(s): Williams

Read first time 423. Referred to Committee on Finance 423. Co-author(s) authorized 476.

SJR 26, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.

Author(s): West

House Sponsor: Turner

Read first time 423. Referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations 423. Reported favorably 790. Motion to suspend regular order of business 859. Motion withdrawn 859. Regular order of business suspended 862. Read second time and passed to engrossment 862. Member(s) vote recorded 862. Three-day Rule suspended 862. Record vote 862. Read third time 862. Passed 862. Record vote 862. Engrossed 902. House passage reported 3430. Enrolled 3794. Signed by President 4000. Sent to Secretary of State 4525.

SJR 27, Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on the rate of growth of state appropriations and the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes, to reduce public school district property taxes, and to fund the state's rainy day fund.

Author(s): Patrick

Companion document(s): **HJR 42** - Callegari

Read first time 462. Referred to Committee on Finance 462.

SJR 28, Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County.

Author(s): Rodriguez

House Sponsor: Marquez

Companion document(s): **HJR 92** - Marquez

Read first time 503. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources 503. Reported as substituted 789. Regular order of business suspended 849. Read second time and passed to engrossment 849. Member(s) vote recorded 849. Three-day Rule suspended 849. Record vote 850. Read third time 850. Passed 850. Record vote 850. Engrossed 902. House passage reported 2240. Enrolled 2309. Signed by President 2327. Sent to Secretary of State 2376.

SJR 29, Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the provision of free textbooks to students attending private primary and secondary schools in this state.

Author(s): Ogden

Read first time 503. Referred to Committee on Finance 503.

SJR 30, Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain revenue derived from any increases in taxes on motor fuel to the repayment of certain transportation-related state debt.

Author(s): Ogden

Read first time 504. Referred to Committee on Finance 504.

SJR 31, Proposing a constitutional amendment revising the order of legislative business to permit either house to act on bills and resolutions after the first 30 days of a regular session.

Author(s): Wentworth

Read first time 583. Referred to Committee on Administration 583. Posting rule suspended 1916.

SJR 32, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by the surviving spouse or surviving minor children of a member of the armed forces of the United States who dies while on active duty.

Author(s): Rodriguez

Read first time 583. Referred to Committee on Finance 583.

SJR 33, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a state video lottery system to operate video lottery games at certain horse and greyhound racetracks and providing that federally recognized Indian tribes are not prohibited from conducting games of chance on certain Indian lands.

Author(s): Hinojosa, Wentworth

Co-author(s): Lucio, Rodriguez

Companion document(s): **HJR 111** - Woolley

Co-author(s) authorized 505. Co-author(s) authorized 523. Read first time 584. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 584.

SJR 34, Proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Texas Gaming Commission and authorizing and regulating casino games and slot machines by licensed operators and certain Indian tribes to provide money for the property tax relief fund and additional financial aid for higher education students.

Author(s): Ellis, Lucio

Companion document(s): **HJR 112** - Menendez

Read first time 584. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 584.

SJR 35, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to legalize the operation of video gaming in this state by persons and organizations licensed to conduct bingo or lease bingo premises and providing that federally recognized Indian tribes are not prohibited from conducting gaming on certain Indian lands.

Author(s): Van de Putte

Companion document(s): **HJR 119** - Thompson

Read first time 584. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 584.

SJR 36, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation by a school district for maintenance and operations purposes all or part of the appraised value of a residence homestead.

Author(s): Patrick

Companion document(s): **HJR 116** - P. King

Read first time 584. Referred to Committee on Finance 584.

SJR 37, Proposing a constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

Author(s): Van de Putte

House Sponsor: V. Taylor

Companion document(s): **HJR 146** - V. Taylor

Read first time 504. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 504. Reported favorably 942. Regular order of business suspended 1126. Read second time 1126. Amendment offered 1126. Amendment withdrawn 1126. Amendment offered 1126. Amended 1127. Member(s) vote recorded 1127. Consideration postponed 1127. Laid before Senate as postponed business 1129. Amendment offered 1129. Amended 1129. Member(s) vote recorded 1129. Passed to engrossment as amended 1129. Member(s) vote recorded 1129. Three-day Rule suspended 1130. Record vote 1130. Read third time 1130. Passed 1130. Record vote 1130. Engrossed 1164. House passage reported 3430. Enrolled 3794. Signed by President 4000. Sent to Secretary of State 4525.

SJR 38, Proposing a constitutional amendment limiting the uses of revenue from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, and certain revenue received from the federal government.

Author(s): Davis

Companion document(s): **HJR 66** - Pickett

Read first time 584. Referred to Committee on Finance 584.

SJR 39, Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the authorization of certain general obligation bonds or notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve colonias.

Author(s): Lucio

Companion document(s): **HJR 141** - Peña

Read first time 678. Referred to Committee on Finance 678.

SJR 40, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a county to regulate land development if approved by a majority vote in a countywide election.

Author(s): Lucio

Co-author(s): Davis, Rodriguez

Companion document(s): **HJR 134** - Oliveira

Co-author(s) authorized 616. Read first time 678. Referred to Committee on International Relations and Trade 678. Reported as substituted 1003. Co-author(s) authorized 1024.

SJR 41, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 24 months or less.

Author(s): Hinojosa

Companion document(s): **HJR 120** - Muñoz

Read first time 678. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 678.

SJR 42, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the Texas Transportation Commission, subject to legislative review and approval, to designate the area adjacent to a state highway project as a transportation finance zone and authorizing the revenue from the state sales and use taxes imposed in the zone to be deposited in a revolving fund and used to repay financial assistance provided from the fund for certain purposes.

Author(s): Ogden

Read first time 678. Referred to Committee on Finance 678.

SJR 43, Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish certain principles and procedures for the drawing of congressional districts.

Author(s): Rodriguez

Read first time 678. Referred to Committee on Redistricting 678.

SJR 44, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant one or more reprieves in a capital case.

Author(s): Ellis

Read first time 678. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice 678.

SJR 45, Proposing a constitutional amendment for filling vacancies in appellate judicial offices by appointment, for partisan elections for all judicial offices, and for subsequent nonpartisan retention elections for all judicial offices.

Author(s): Duncan

Companion document(s): **HJR 155** - Lewis

Read first time 678. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 678.

SJR 46, Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to county delegation of authority regarding the disposition of county school lands and proceeds of a county permanent school fund.

Author(s): Williams

Companion document(s): **HJR 148** - Ritter

Read first time 768. Referred to Committee on Education 768.

SJR 47, Proposing a constitutional amendment revising the order of legislative business to permit either house to act on bills and resolutions after the first 15 days of a regular session.

Author(s): Williams

Read first time 768. Referred to Committee on Administration 768. Posting rule suspended 1916.

SJR 48, Proposing a constitutional amendment revising the order of legislative business to permit legislative committees to consider matters during the first 60 days of a regular session.

Author(s): Williams

Read first time 768. Referred to Committee on Administration 768. Posting rule suspended 1916.

SJR 49, Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to an individual's or a religious organization's free exercise of religion.

Author(s): Patrick

Companion document(s): **HJR 135** - Phillips

Read first time 768. Referred to Committee on State Affairs 768.

SJR 50, Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state to finance educational loans to students.

Author(s): West

House Sponsor: Branch

Read first time 768. Referred to Committee on Higher Education 768. Reported as substituted 1163. Regular order of business suspended 1399. Member(s) vote recorded 1399. Read second time and passed to engrossment 1399. Member(s) vote recorded 1399. Three-day Rule suspended 1399. Record vote 1399. Read third time 1400. Passed 1400. Record vote 1400. Engrossed 1603. House passage reported 3430. Enrolled 3794. Signed by President 4000. Sent to Secretary of State 4525.

SJR 51, Proposing a constitutional amendment imposing a state property tax for public education, authorizing the legislature to establish for purposes of that tax a limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead of 105 percent of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year, prohibiting school district property taxes for maintenance purposes, and authorizing school district property taxes for educational enrichment.

Author(s): Duncan

Co-author(s): Ogden

Co-author(s) authorized 642. Read first time 769. Referred to Committee on Finance 769.

SJR 52, Proposing a constitutional amendment clarifying that a tax imposed on certain business entities is not subject to Section 24, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, and imposing certain limitations on the computation of a tax imposed on a business entity.

Author(s): Ogden

Permission granted to introduce 1130. Read first time 1131. Referred to Committee on Finance 1131.

SJR 53, Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the periodic review of state and local tax preferences and providing an expiration date for certain tax preferences.

Author(s): Ellis

Permission granted to introduce 1599. Read first time 1600. Referred to Committee on Finance 1600.

SJR 54, Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing an appropriation from the economic stabilization fund for the Foundation School Program.

Author(s): West

Permission granted to introduce 2216. Read first time 2217. Referred to Committee on Finance 2217.